

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
WEDNESDAY, January 30, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Present Upon Roll: Commissioner Branch; Commissioner Wojcik; Commissioner Holthaus; Vice Mayor Adams; Mayor Armstrong; Attorney Denhardt

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### SBA Investments

Mayor Armstrong explained that due to the current instability of the SBA account the Commission, along with the advice of Ken Wheatly of Wachovia Bank and Tom Pease, the Town's auditor, discussed options on where to place the Town's accounts at a December 20 meeting. It was agreed that the Public Fund Marketing Account is a secure choice in which to place the monies. Mayor Armstrong said that a Resolution will be drafted for the February 13 regular meeting to approve placing the Town's account in the PFMA.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Town Auditor Services

Mayor Armstrong said that the Town's auditor, Tom Pease, will no longer offer his services to the Town – his only government account – due to time and financial constraints. Mr. Pease is offering his services to the Town in its search for a new auditor, which involves certain procedures. Mayor Armstrong explained that a Selection Committee, comprised of Tom Pease, Mary Palmer, Town Clerk and herself will be formed, with Mr. Pease's services on the Committee costing \$70.00 per hour with \$85.00 per hour for additional consultation. Jim Denhardt, Town Attorney, said that a one or 2 year hiring option is advisable rather than a long term contract, and that automatic renewal of the contract is more appealing than going out for bids every few years. Mr. Denhardt also said that the new auditor will most likely cost the Town more money. A Resolution to appoint an Auditor Selection Committee will be heard at the February 13 Commission meeting.

### Pinellas Hope Challenge

Mayor Armstrong asked the Commission to participate in a one time service, organized by Pinellas County Commissioners, to serve a meal to the County's homeless population. Mayor Armstrong explained that the individual Towns' participation would be beneficial in their negotiations with the County on various projects, such as Gulf Blvd. undergrounding. The Town Commission and volunteers would select a day, purchase the food and serve approximately 200 homeless people. Discussion ensued among the Commission, with a mostly negative response due to the County's role in evacuation of the homeless to other areas, and then requesting that cities participate in serving them, and also the County's involvement in its promises to the cities for Pennies for Pinellas monies. It was decided that the Commission would not participate at this time.

### Capitol Improvement Plan

Mayor Armstrong said that the 5 year projection of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan is being revised, and asked the Commission to comment on the various allocations of funds. Commissioner Branch said he has consulted with Steve Andrews, Building Official, and is satisfied with the projected funding as it is shown. Commissioner Branch added that the bids for Phase 2, 3 and 4 of the paving and drainage project and the Lift Station D will be coming within 2 weeks. Commissioner Branch also suggested allotting \$30,000 for a new

maintenance truck in the next 3 years.

Commissioner Wojcik said he would like to see about \$6,000 allotted in the Office Upgrades area, for the 08/09 Fiscal year, for a new Public Access software package for the Town's T.V. channel. Commissioner Wojcik also said that a county wide WiFi system would be very beneficial, but would require a grant due to its expense. Commissioner Wojcik suggested using some monies to floodproof the Town's maintenance garage.

Commissioner Holthaus said the projected Parks & Rec monies are fine, and would like to see monies allocated for dune walkovers. There will be fencing around Spitzer Park and the old Town Hall lot installed beginning in the next 2 weeks. Commissioner Holthaus said that the roof at Constitution Park needs new shingles, at a cost of about \$20,000.

Vice Mayor Adams said he will meet with a representative from Cale, Inc. of Clearwater on January 31 to discuss purchase of parking meters for the Town Hall parking lot.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Detective Jason Routzahn of the Indian Shores Police was present, and said he will bring the new Police Officer, Dianne Burkhammer, to the February 13 meeting.

Commissioner Wojcik complimented Sally Bishop's job as the head of the Local Mitigation Strategy team; he also reminded everyone of the February 16 Library Fundraiser Party.

Bob Phillips, member of the newly formed Planning & Zoning Board, addressed his concerns that the 2 alternates to the Board are now supposed to sit with the audience if all 5 regular members are present, instead of at the dais. Mr. Phillips also said he feels that their participation and comments are beneficial to the process. Jim Denhardt, Town Attorney, explained that a 5 person board is less intimidating to the applicant, but he feels the alternates can make statements as residents up to the time the Chariman closes the discussion. when the voting is to be done the alternates must remain quiet. Mayor Armstrong suggested leaving it the way it is for now, and revisit the issue after a few more hearings are held.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Herr  
Deputy Town Clerk